



Community Housing and Empowerment Connections Inc.

Mission:

It is the mission of the Community Housing and Empowerment Connections Inc. (CHEC) to build, safe, healthy and strong communities through advocacy, education, empowerment and community partnerships.

Description:

Community Housing and Empowerment Connections Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization specializing in community organizing, advocacy, education and outreach. We are the constituency that we serve. We have a trained staff of volunteers who have years of experience in working with low-income communities of color to address social and environmental justice issues in their neighborhood. CHEC co-authored the *EJ for Delaware Report (2017)*; led the development of several coalitions that include: the Wilmington Prevention Coalition, the New Castle Prevention Coalition, Delaware Concerned Residents for EJ and the Delaware Environmental Justice Community Partnerships. CHEC is currently the lead agency for the Community Air Monitoring Network for New Castle County, Delaware.

History:

CHEC was established in 2001. It is an outgrowth of the New Castle County Community Partnership Inc a leader in prevention in 1990. CHEC and its partners saw their community slowly decline, due to social and environmental injustices. A decision was made to do something about it by joining forces with local, county, state and federal agencies, as well as other community and faith-based agencies to provide the necessary guidance and resources for change. Since its inception, CHEC has operated with local funding, committed volunteers and in-kind resources.

Our Partners:

We partner with the Minority Workforce Development Coalition, State NAACP-Health Committee, Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice, DE Natural Resource Environmental Control, Christiana Care Health Services, DE Div. of Public Health, John Hopkins University and Clean Air Council. Our allies include: New Castle County Gov't., ACCEL-CTR Delaware, Building Equity & Alignment, Dream Corp and many other neighborhood businesses and organizations.

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